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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

RED HUNTERS

Russ Crowell, president, and Bob Ash, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council, attended a meeting the other day which was supposed to include labor, business and professional groups.

It turned out to be largely a gathering of right-to-work and other right wing types. Their announced aim was to launch a "Christian Anti-Communist Crusade" in the East Bay.

The speaker was one Dr. Fritz Schwartz. Ash described his speech as "rabble rousing" and told Central Labor Council delegates Monday night that Schwartz predicted "doomsday by Communism by 1973."

Crowell pointed out that such extremists present a threat to the labor movement and other liberal groups. They purport to train experts on Communism. But the "experts," in their zeal to ferret out subversives, aren't always objective. They sometimes confuse honest liberals with Communists.

The Central Labor Council concurred in Ash's recommendation that labor have nothing whatsoever to do with the so-called Crusade.

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MEMO TO GOVERNOR BROWN

You've ordered a survey of possible underground shelters for California schools.

How about telling the State Department of Education to stop approving schools which are one-fourth glass—the best way to expose our children to nuclear blast, heat and radiation.

Excuse me, Glaziers! You're welcome, Cement Masons!

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TO C.C. LABOR JOURNAL

How come you had a page 1 story in a recent issue: "CLC Concur in Resolution on Penney's," supporting the labor boycott of J. C. Penney stores, and on page 12 an ad from the store you're boycotting?

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TO GOODIE KNIGHT

Now that you've really decided to run for governor, what do you say about this quote from Governor Brown?:

"Let us speak plainly to Mr. Nixon or whoever else may run next year.

"The Republican candidate will have to explain to labor why his party fought all legislation that was fair to labor—and was the author of all legislation hostile to labor."

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TO THE PG&E

The Tennessee Valley Authority has cut its electrical rates by approximately 8 per cent. The new rate is \$4.50 per 500 kilowatt hours, less than half PGE's San Francisco rate of \$9.98.

You're lucky when you live in California!

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

UAW strikes at Chevvy plant; Hod Carriers, Plasterers out



ROBERTA, the mule, was awarded as the prize to three unions selling the most tickets to the AFLCIO Labor Day Picnic. Thomas L. Pitts, left, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, congratulates representatives of the three winning locals in this picture. They are, from Pitts' left, George Read, Food Clerks 870; Russell Crowell, Cleaners 3009, and Larry Ross, Commercial Telegraphers 208. Roberta will be given to a park or playgrounds.

—Photo courtesy of Oakland Tribune.

Locals 1546, 1176 hit bricks at Trailmobile

Forty-seven local demands remained unsettled in the strike of 1,450 Auto Workers at the Chevrolet plant in Oakland Tuesday.

Union members will remain on strike until the demands are settled, Arnold Callan, sub-regional director of the United Auto Workers, said at the time the East Bay Labor Journal went to press.

The strike affects members of UAW Local 1031 at the Chevrolet division. Some 1,200 members of Local 333 at the Fisher Body plant have been laid off for lack of work.

A tentative nationwide General Motors settlement has been reached, and the UAW's National General Motors Conference was scheduled to meet Thursday to vote on it.

However, as of Tuesday, about 90 out of 130 G.M. plants across the nation were idled by strikes over local issues.

In Oakland, major differences concerned speedups, make-ready time, washup time and protective clothing, Callan said.

LOCAL 333 PATTERN

The relief time issue was settled tentatively on a national basis Monday night, reportedly on a pattern set by Oakland Fisher Body Local 333. The local Fisher settlement provided for shutting down production for 10 minutes twice a day. Callan credited Floyd Bueno, plant chairman for the union, with sparking the settlement.

NATIONWIDE AGREEMENT

The tentative nationwide economic agreement between G.M. and the UAW provides for a 12½ cent hourly package, plus full hospital and medical coverage. Previously, G.M. paid only half of health premiums.

Auto Machinists, Painters on strike at Trailmobile

Automotive Machinists 1546 and Auto and Ship Painters 1176 went on strike at the Trailmobile, Inc., plant on Nimitz freeway in Fremont Monday.

The unions turned down what was termed a "ridiculously low" offer before going out.

Most of the approximately 200 strikers belong to Local 1546. The plant's work force fluctuates up to about 350.

No talks were being held, and none were scheduled as of Tuesday afternoon. Unions said they were awaiting a decent offer.

Pickets were posted by the two unions at two gates of the truck trailer and van manufacturing plant.

Peter Paul turns down union offer; boycott continues

Peter Paul candy officials turned down the latest offer of Local 242, American Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Arthur R. Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, reported this week.

But the company seems willing to negotiate, and the union is awaiting a counter-offer, Hellender told CLC delegates.

Meanwhile, the boycott against Mounds, Almond Joy and other candy bars of the firm continues, Hellender emphasized.

Hellender stressed that the boycott is having a strong effect.

He said some labor councils have adopted resolutions urging leaders of youth groups with labor contacts to ask that youngsters stop buying Peter Paul products.

According to Hellender, the company still wants to subpoena 27 unionists, some with new jobs or hunting work, for lengthy unemployment appeal hearings.

VISITORS FROM INDIA

Three trade unionists from India, visiting the United States under State and Labor Department auspices, attended the Central Labor Council Monday night.

They were: Jagdish Anandji Ajmera, secretary of the Western Railway Employees' Union; Kudigram Narasimha Shency, secretary of Hind Mazdoor Sabha, a bank employee, and Vinayak Moreswar Patankar, member of the General Council of the Indian National Trade Union Congress.

Medical society official disputes labor's position

William K. Scheuber, executive secretary of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association, disagreed with labor's support of the Kerr-Mills bill to bring health care for the aged under social security Monday night.

In a talk before the Central Labor Council, Scheuber blamed the doctor shortage on rigid demands and not-so-great financial rewards of the profession.

Building Trades—Plasterers strike; ready-mix report

Members of Hod Carriers 166 and Plasterers 112 and 825 went on strike Monday in a dispute with the Plastering Contractors Association of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Bill Norman, business agent for Local 166, said Tuesday that the strike affected only six or seven contractors at that time. More jobs were expected to be hit as the strike progressed, but the union was signing interim agreements with non-association contractors.

About 50 of the nearly 700 members of the three unions were off their jobs Tuesday morning. The dispute involved wage agreement on a new contract to replace one expiring Sept. 1.

CONCRETE STRIKE

The strike of members of Teamsters 70 against ready-mixed concrete firms was still in

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HOW TO BUY

A vacuum that costs \$220

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

We're carrying on a wrangle with the Interstate Engineering Corporation of Anaheim, California. It sells the "Compact" brand vacuum cleaners house to house for \$220 with a "bonus" plan. The Vice-President of Interstate, Mr. R. M. Limacher, and this writer can't seem to come to an agreement. We'll tell you about it and you can act as impartial arbiter.

The argument started when one of our readers wrote us that she bought one of these vacuums for \$220—\$260 on the installment plan. She was attracted by the company's "referral program" which promised bonuses if she would make appointments, resulting in sales with her friends.

Later she wondered whether this would be fair to her friends. Then she began to question why she had paid so much for a vacuum cleaner. She consulted the Better Business Bureau and lawyers and found them critical of "referral" plans in general. Finally, she learned that one of the names on the list of people whom the salesman said had earned referral bonuses, turned out to be regional sales manager for the vacuum cleaner. The salesman had said this man was a "milkman" by trade. Our reader learned he was a milkman about five years ago.

We asked the Interstate people how they justify a price of approximately three times that charged for most high-quality cleaners, and also asked more information on the firm's "referral" plan.

In reply, Interstate officials say in essence (we can't print all their long correspondence):

1. The \$220 price, in addition to the vacuum cleaner and attachments, includes a floor polisher and carpet sweeper. Mr. Limacher point out that some other brands sell for \$130 to \$160 without either a floor polisher or "quick, pick-up carpet sweeper." He encloses a bill of sale for an Electrolux bought for \$199.50 including a power brush rug nozzle but not a floor polisher or sweeper.

2. He says there are both "honest and dishonest individuals" involved in merchandising,

including referral selling, but that his organization is a "pioneer in legitimate referral selling."

3. Interstate, he says, has paid over \$7 million to "Compact" owners in bonuses from June 1949 through March 1961. In the case of the milkman-turned-sales manager, the company argues that it is not unusual for a customer who has done well on referrals to become a full-time sales employee.

We of course, have no way of verifying the amount of bonuses paid, nor how many buyers received them compared to the number who bought cleaners.

But we can say that even a legitimate referral plan is not a dependable way of recovering part of the cost of a purchase. Moreover, a plan that really pays bonuses, must include such payments in its prices.

Especially note that you are promised a bonus only if a sale is made—not merely for getting the salesman an appointment. This particular plan limits your possible participation to six months. If you do make any appointments which result in sales, a \$25 bonus is applied as a reduction to your balance.

Our disillusioned reader herself advises against accepting a salesman's claims without a test. "When he says the attachment for floors will clean better than Bruce Floor Cleaner, take him to a sticky spot, even if you have to make one, and ask him to get that up with the floor attachment only. Compare the brushes on the sweeper with your own sweeper, and compare the efficiency."

In fact, along with refrigerators and washing machines, vacuum cleaners are the appliance bargain of the year. Cleaners that sold for \$80 ten years ago are available this year for about \$65, improved at that. The recently developed high-powered tank-type cleaners, with 1 1/4 or higher horsepower and motor-driven brushes in the nozzle for faster rug cleaning have retailed this year for as little as \$50 for standard, and \$75 for deluxe models.

If you figure \$75 for a very good vacuum cleaner, \$30 for one of the best floor polishers, and \$12 for a carpet sweeper, you get a complete cleaning outfit (if you really need all three) for \$117. That gives you your bonus right away—no gamble, no steep finance charges.

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The case of the 30-ounce quarts

On Aug. 28, Frederick L. Henkel, production supervisor for Arden Dairy Farms in San Francisco, was booked on a charge of selling less than a quart of milk in one-quart cartons.

Charles Skinner, San Francisco sealer of weights and measures, said the entire stock of Arden milk in one store was confiscated, and not one of the 16 quart containers contained full measure.

Joseph Witham Jr., branch manager, claimed other dairies were guilty of short-measuring, too. "We are no more out of line on this than any other dairy," Witham said.

On Aug. 29, Weights and Measures Sealer Skinner replied that this was not true. Arden is the only firm in San Francisco that has been selling short-measure quarts of milk, Skinner told the press.

To prove his point, Skinner took reporters on an unannounced visit to a large supermarket. All quarts except Arden's contained 32 ounces each. None of Arden's cartons at the store contained a full quart.

Henkel, incidentally, has pleaded innocent. Under existing laws, short-weighting and short-measuring is only a misdemeanor.

Social welfare changes listed

Major changes in social welfare laws made by the 1961 State Legislature are listed in Labor's Community Report:

- Relative responsibility provisions for aid to blind and needy were abolished.
- Citizenship requirements for old age assistance were repealed.
- Old age basic allowances were raised from \$95 to \$100.
- Special need payments for older persons were raised from \$115 to \$165.
- Needy blind aid was raised from \$104 to \$115 per month.
- Eligibility provisions were liberalized and benefits increased for the needy and totally disabled.
- Cost of living increases in aged and blind grants were approved.
- Property exemptions in aid programs were liberalized.
- A state medical care program for "medical indigents" who are not on public assistance was approved.

The report concludes: "Without question, the number of liberalized changed changes made in social welfare laws during this session is unprecedented in the recent history of the Legislature."

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

MARRIAGE, according to an item in the San Francisco Chronicle, was a firing offense for Italian government workers until a few days ago.

Then the Minister of Labor ordered department heads to cut it out—firing, not marriage, that is.

The minister's order was reported as a step in the emancipation of Italian women.

So it would seem, until you read why.

In Italy, as in other parts of the world, women who go to the altar often have children nine or so months later.

This, under Italian labor contracts, forced the government and other employers to pay maternity benefits and confinement leaves.

I wonder how many U.S. labor contracts provide for maternity benefits and confinement leaves.

Maybe it's our women who need emancipating, not the Italians.

CHARLES H. KELLSTADT, chairman of the board of Sears, Roebuck & Co., has been named national chairman of the Radio Free Europe Fund, succeeding W. B. Murphy, president of Campbell Soup Co.

This is the private American organization which supposedly combats Communist propaganda. I wonder what they tell the Iron Curtain peoples about labor relations in the wonderful U.S.A.

If they get a Sears-eye view of the working man's lot in this country, heaven help our national "image!"

HOW SILLY can you get?

Convict William Sullivan, a cell block legal eagle at San Quentin, wrote a writ on toilet paper, asking for his release.

Prison officials took away all his paper except this rather necessary kind. That's why he used it for the writ.

All this was duly recorded, along with other pertinent events of the day, in our upright journals of public opinion a few weeks ago. Including the fact that the paper was toilet paper.

(The fearless press calls a spade a spade!)

But what did the TV stations do?

They said the writ was written on a "long piece of paper."

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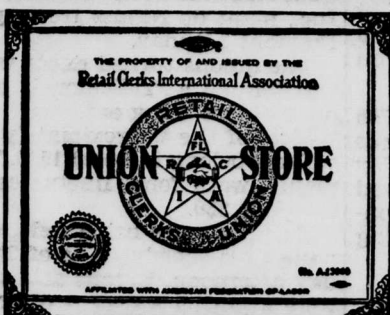
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City College night class registration now in progress

Persons who cannot attend day classes in college should consider going to college evening classes at Oakland City College, according to Dr. Clement Long, director.

Recent high school graduates who cannot attend day classes are offered a complete program in first and second year college work. Persons who wish to develop skills in various trade-technical fields may begin their program in evening classes. Persons interested in semiprofessional fields may begin and complete their program in college evening classes.

The Laney Campus of the college, 1001 Third Ave., offers trade apprenticeship classes, occupational preparatory classes and occupational extension classes in its evening program.

Such areas as automotive occupations, dry cleaning, graphic arts and machine and metal trades are only a few of the many trade-technical areas covered. In addition, several arts and science classes are offered during the evening hours. Interested persons should visit or telephone the Laney Campus at their earliest opportunity, TE. 4-5740.

A wide variety of liberal arts, business and semiprofessional courses are offered in the evening at the Merritt Campus of the college, 5714 Grove Street.

Persons interested in evening classes at Merritt Campus should telephone or visit the campus at their earliest convenience, OL. 5-6110.

Complete guidance and counseling services are available at both campuses of the college during the hours of registration.

New students must complete classification tests prior to the first day of classes, September 11. Dates and times for the tests are available at each campus.

BRIDGE TOLL COLLECTORS CAN WEAR UNION BUTTONS

When toll collectors on the various San Francisco Bay bridges operated by the state started wearing union buttons on their caps, they were told to take them off.

So says a newsletter from Local 411, Union of State Employees (AFLCIO).

The union protested to officials in San Francisco and Sacramento.

Now union toll collectors are wearing their union buttons again.

Cohelan reveals refitting of 3 more mothball ships

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan, Berkeley Democrat, member of the House Subcommittee on Naval Shipyards, has announced that three more amphibious ships now in the "mothball" fleet will be refitted at Bay Area installations.

They are: USS Sandoval, Willamette Iron and Steel Co., Richmond; USS Uvalde, Pacific Ship Repair, Inc., San Francisco, and USS Winston, AAA Machine Shop, San Francisco.

Ceremello announces new course for boat owners

William X. Okker, teacher and past commander of the Oakland Power Squadron, will instruct a course for new and experienced motor and sail boat owners on "Piloting and seamanship" Wednesday evenings at Oakland Technical Adult School, according to Peter J. Ceremello of Paint Makers 1101, a member of the U.S. Power Squadron.

Further information may be obtained from the school.

Programs of interest to union families offered by radio station KPFA

"Working Men," a 14-week series on American labor history for children, will be presented by radio station KPFA-FM from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Fridays starting this week.

The series is based on the book by the same name by Sidney Lens and was adapted for radio by John Ohliger, a member of Berkeley Teachers 1078.

KPFA will present an interview with Dr. Harry Keen, a British physician, on the British medical system at 4 p.m. Saturday. The program will be rebroadcast at 10 a.m. Sept. 21.

This Sunday at 8 p.m., KPFA will present the first of a new series of interview programs, "Invitation." Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown will be the guest.

August jobless rate worst since '49

Highest San Francisco-Oakland metropolitan area unemployment rate for any August since 1949 was recorded last month.

The State Division of Labor Statistics and Research says there were 67,100 persons hunting jobs in the Bay Area last month, or 5.4 per cent of the labor force.

Although the percentage unemployed was lower than any so far this year, this trend is seasonal. The year-to-year comparison is more important.

In August, 1960, unemployment in the Bay Area was 57,200, or 4.8 per cent of the labor force.

Lt. Gov. Anderson to be honored here

Lieutenant Governor Glenn M. Anderson will be honored at a "Citizenship Day" pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 17, at 9:30 a.m. at the New Sailboat House in Lakeside Park.

The 16th Assembly District Democratic Club is sponsoring the event.

Anderson will speak on the record made by Governor Brown and the Democratic Legislature.

Robert L. Bostick, Oakland attorney, will introduce the lieutenant governor and Democratic legislators from Alameda County. Rev. Eugene R. Wolfe, social services director of the Oakland Council of Churches, will deliver the invocation. Robert Warwick, president of the 16th A.D. Democratic Club, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Arrangements are being made by Mr. and Mrs. George Bacon and Phillip Thomas. The public is invited.

Miller & Gonzalez at Berkeley Trade

Mr. Walter Miller is the new principal of the Berkeley Evening Trade School. Mr. Miller was formerly the Trade and Industrial Coordinator and has many years of trade experience, teaching and administration of trade school programs.

Working with Mr. Miller will be Mr. Robert Gonzalez as the Trade and Industrial Coordinator. Mr. Gonzalez comes to Berkeley with broad experience in Trade and Industrial Education.

Registration now open at Berkeley Trade School

Registrations for the Berkeley Evening Trade School Fall semester are now being accepted daily at the trade school office which is located on Grove Street between Bancroft and Allston Way.

Open to all Bay Area residents 18 years of age and older, will be many classes in trades, industrial arts, applied arts, crafts, and apprenticeship training. The apprenticeship classes will be limited to persons now working at the trades, explained Walter Miller, principal.

Instruction in all classes is on an individual basis, and both beginning and advanced students will be given special attention. Classes will begin Wednesday, September 6. With many of the classes limited in enrollment, Miller urged those wishing specific classes to register early. For most courses, the registration fee is \$3 for the semester and entitles students to register in one or more courses. Further information regarding registration or classes may be obtained by telephoning the school, THORNTON 1-1422 during the day, Monday through Friday.

Local 1178 concurs

Hayward Painters 1178 has concurred in a resolution of the San Francisco Labor Council supporting two Retail Clerks locals striking at the J. C. Penney store in downtown San Francisco in an effort to obtain a fair contract.

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Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

The formal signing of the National Homes agreement took place last Friday at the Newark plant. Louis Martinez signed for Local 3036, and I signed for 550. The highlights were acceptance of our Bay Area wage standards, two five minute rest periods, top seniority for stewards and a special rate for leadermen on the framing tables.

Robert Vegas was chosen as steward for the cabinet (both buildings) at National Homes. There are now about 180 employees at N. H., and we now have five stewards.

Support Problem: In some spots we have problems, more or less petty forms of chiseling, that can be serious if we let them go. The "we" is used on purpose; one lonely officer can raise Hell, but it will take lots of member support to keep chiseling at a low level.

In case you don't know, here are some of the things that are happening in a few places . . . and most likely more than we know about:

1. Health and Welfare: I have found cases of companies neglecting to place all employees on the Mill-Cabinet Trust list. The result is that some members are not eligible for medical or hospital benefits. In one case, a member did not want us to make an issue of his case for fear he would be fired. One lousy situation.

We now get a copy of the Health and Welfare master list of payments each month, and we are checking this list against our steward reports. In some cases we are taking special shakedown reports to make sure they are complete. You can rest assured

that every member working under every one of our 175 contracts will be eligible, without exception, when we get through.

I'm consulting our attorney, Stanley Neyhart, on immediate legal steps in any case where a violator hesitates to make full payment to the Mill-Cabinet Trust.

If any member wants to come in and check his mill or shop, he is welcome.

2. Pensions: Same situation. Same action in progress.

3. Overtime Violations: This we've talked about. If it takes some \$50 fines to put some starch in a few backbones, we're all set to do the clobbering. We are also fed up with the pig philosophy, hogging overtime at straight time rates.

4. Rate Chiseling: There are cases of employers hiring at below contract rates, or failing to pay increases to production workers as scheduled in our contract. The older members of 550 should help us clean up these cases by reporting them. New members, new on the job, are sometimes afraid to admit or don't even know they are underpaid.

The situation is not out of hand, but if chiseling isn't stopped it will get worse.

State Mill Committee: Meets Sept. 16. Emil Ovenberg, Jack Archibald, George White, Arsie Bigby and I will attend. We will push for statewide campaign to hold school mill and fixture work in California.

Membership Meeting: Friday, Sept. 16, Labor Temple.

Strike sanction

Warehouse Local 6 has received authority from the ILWU Executive Board to call a strike if negotiations fail at Colgate-Palmolive Co. plant in Berkeley.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

Pre-job conferences are to be held this month relative to the Fluor Company's job at the Standard Oil Refinery in Richmond, California. This project is due to get under way in the near future with the completion date the first of the year.

Also for this month Bechtel Company has scheduled a pre-job conference for their job at Associated Oil in Avon, California. This is a very large project in connection with their expansion program. The representatives of the Bechtel organization have also advised this office that all major fabrication will be done on the job site. This means many more hours of employment for our members. Still another pre-job conference is the Bechtel Company's contract to provide facilities for the superheat reactor to be built for the General Electric Company. This 12,500-kilowatt thermal nuclear superheat facility will be constructed at General Electric Company's Vallecitos Atomic Laboratory in Northern California.

General Electric's Atomic Power Equipment Department was issued a construction permit last month by the Atomic Energy Commission to proceed with the erection of nuclear portions of the ESADA Vallecitos Experimental Superheat Reactor which will, after operating authorization from the AEC, be operated in conjunction with the existing Vallecitos Boiling Water Reactor. The EVESR will be a prototype separate superheat reactor which will develop information necessary for design and operation of large station nuclear plants incorporating nuclear superheat reactor fuel and to gain information on operating and maintenance problems in the power conversion system.

As on the earlier Vallecitos project, General Electric Company will provide design engineering relative to the nuclear portions of the facility. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has been engaged to provide architect-engineer services.

This Union's next membership meeting to be held September 21 has been designated as a Special Called meeting for the purpose of taking action on the Resolutions pertaining to changing our By-Laws whereby voting machines again would be used for election of Officers.

Brother Andy Comphele states, "As Chairman of your Welfare Committee I wish to thank all our Brothers who helped to make our dance on September 2 for the benefit of our sick Brothers a success.

I feel very good inside to know that when I asked for your help and money for these men, you gladly gave both.

We have to my knowledge paid all outstanding debts and still have cleared well over five hundred dollars in profit, with money still coming in.

For those Brothers who have intended to but have not as yet sent their contributions, the Committee would appreciate it very much if you would do so in the next few days.

Again, I want to thank you, and your Committee will at our next regular meeting give a complete and final report on the dance.

Printing Specialties JDC5

By FREDRICK T. SULLIVAN

The Labor Day picnic in Pleasanton was a huge success. Last year there was only a small handful representing our Union at this—Labor's greatest affair. This year, under the able direction of Charlie Wycoff, Joe Cabral, and Ted Morlock, we had a large turnout—two kegs of beer were dispensed in short order—and the kids had a good time along with the old man. Charlie had some games and prizes for just our group, and the youngsters competed in the games directed by the Oakland Park Dept. for the main picnic.

We want to thank Francis Cabral, Corinne Ferro, Kim Sullivan, and Mrs. Fred Crowl for donating cakes to the 13th Assembly District cake booth. Moneys received from the booth will help elect labor's friends to government office in that area in 1962. Because of the participation of our members in this Labor Day picnic, we will be encouraged to make next year's picnic a bigger and finer event.

You may have noticed that one of our members, Ed Vierra—Pressman at Western Waxide, was top man in the golf tournament held on the Saturday before Labor Day—move over Ken Venturi.

On October 7 and 8 there will be a Conference in Cincinnati conducted by the North American Council of Specialty Unions. We will send six delegates back East where they will participate in a vital question that is before our International Union. "Merger with other Printing Trade International Unions." If we are ever going to lift the paper industry from its position as a poor paying industry, it will be through a merger such as we will be talking about. When the question of merger hits the union floor, you should be found listening for eventually it will mean dollars and cents in your pocket to you.

MORE COLUMNS ON PAGE 6

More union columns will be found on page 6 of this issue.

Deadline for all columns and meeting notices is noon Monday.

Chips and Chatter

By BILL MARSHALL

The second Carpenter Vacation Statement has been sent out. It tells each carpenter how much money he has in his account through June, 1961. This is the money he will receive in January or early February next year.

If there are any errors, now is the time to do something about them. Contact your business agent and give him the necessary information as to who shorted you, what months and how much. It will be ten times as hard to make the corrections six months from now.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

By the time you read this column our office secretary will have been off one week of her two weeks vacation.

Again, repeating myself, if you have trouble reaching me or the office by phone, drop a postal card in the mail and I will get in touch with you.

This is also a pre-notice that I personally will be out of the office beginning the 21st of September attending the General Executive Board meeting in Los Angeles and the Pacific Coast Council meeting, as well as taking a week's vacation at the same time.

Carpenters Credit Union

By PAUL HUGGINS, Treasurer

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Help yourself by helping to build your credit union.

Unionists appointed to rehabilitation committee

Three Alameda County union officials have been named to a committee to assist the State Vocational Rehabilitation Service in the East Bay.

They are: Lloyd Ferber, East Bay Steel Machinists 1304; Ed Logue, Machinists 284, and Arthur R. Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council.

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The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our new building, located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

Pursuant to Article V, Section 2, of the By-Laws of the East Bay Automotive Machinists Lodge No. 1546, you are hereby officially notified of a "Special Order of Business" for Tuesday, September 19, 1961.

The meeting for the members employed on day shifts will be held at 10260 MacArthur Boulevard starting at 8 p.m.

For those members employed on night shifts a meeting will be held at the same address starting at 1 p.m.

Please take note of the time and place of the meetings.

Fraternally yours,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held Sept. 19, 1961.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,
President
LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

S. F. - OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at 410 11th Street Bldg., Oakland, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17, 1961, at 1 o'clock.

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The next meeting of Auto and Ship Painters 1176 will be on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1961 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE
Business Rep.

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Painters District Council 16 meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. in Hall G on the third floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Next meeting will be Sept. 21.

Fraternally,
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Next regular meeting Thursday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m.
Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m. Please attend.

Fraternally,
JOHN L. GIFFIN,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

The next regular meeting will be held on Sept. 18, 1961, at 8 p.m. at 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, Calif.

Fraternally yours,
NICK F. AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

SPECIAL NOTICE

The meeting of September 14, 1961, is a Special Called Meeting to honor all past presidents of Local 127. Come down and make this a big night. The old and young members should get together and help the progress of the local. This should be a very interesting night for everyone. The Entertainment Committee has refreshments planned.

Fraternally yours,
ED GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

There will be a special called meeting Friday at 8:00 p.m. September 15, 1961, to vote on the question of whether Local 36 shall make a donation to the United Defense Fund of California, to help fight District 50 and all other non-union activities.

Please be in attendance.

Fraternally yours,
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PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1961 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Bldg., 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business.
2. If time permits, your Business Manager will give you a report in behalf of our eleven delegates who attended the U. A. convention in Kansas City, August, 1961.
3. Under order of Good & Welfare your Business Manager will have a message for you regarding the forthcoming election of your officers to serve you and your union for the years of 1962 and 1963, as well as other comments on the future of Local 444.

As your union meetings should be of importance to you and your families, please make an honest effort to attend and participate in deliberations.

Fraternally yours,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager
Secretary-Treasurer.

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Your next meeting is dated Friday night, Sept. 15. While it isn't a Special Meeting your presence is needed, as a pertinent question, covering an increase in our life insurance, by our present carrier, from \$1.35 to \$1.50 effective Oct. 1st next. Local 1178 represented by Bro. Mountjoy will meet with agents of other locals in the area, to study offers from other carriers and report on them at this meeting.

The adoption of the \$1.00 assessment for the month of October, to get the Blood Bank under way was by a unanimous vote of those present at the Sept. 1st meeting. So govern yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Alameda Local 194 meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

All members please note: \$1 (one dollar) assessment for State Building Trades Defense Fund is now due and payable.

Fraternally,
JOHN GRIGSBY,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

United Steelworkers of America, Local 1798, Executive Board meeting, Thursday, Sept. 14, 8:00 p.m., Union office, Room 208.

Regular Union meeting, Friday, Sept. 22, 8:00 p.m., Hall D, 2315 Valdez Street.

Fraternally,
ELLA BAINES
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

On the agenda of the regular meeting night of Friday, September 22, 1961, the membership will be asked to consider the proposition of paying \$1 per member into the State Building Trades Council for a defense fund.

This is an important step in an effort to further the labor movement throughout California, and we strongly advise your attendance and opinions. Otherwise, regular meetings will be held. Social night, September 29.

We were delighted to learn former Vice President Ray Lane is very much improved in Veterans Hospital. A card to him would be appreciated.

Fraternally,
L. D. TWIST,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

The next meeting of Painters Local Union No. 40 will be held September 22. It has been designated a special meeting, called for the purpose of nominations for the position of trustee. The election will be held at the special called meeting of October 13. Please make every effort to attend.

Fraternally Yours,
BEN RASNICK,
Recording Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

Your next regular meeting of Paint Makers 1101 will be held in Hall "A" of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, on September 19, 1961, at 8 p.m.

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JAMES MARTIN,
Business Manager.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Our next regular membership meeting will be held in Martinez, Contra Costa County, at the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Hall, 1015 Estudillo Street, between Thompson and Mellus. The meeting will be held Wednesday evening, Sept. 20, 1961, 8:00 p.m. We have been having a very good turnout at meetings held in Contra Costa County, let's keep up the good work.

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Painters Local No. 40

By BEN RASNICK

Congratulations to Business Representative Roy Barstow on his election at president of the Joint Labor-Management Committee of the East Bay Counties. The defeated candidate was Wiley Mountjoy, secretary of District Council of Painters No. 16. Speaking of elections, my thanks to the brothers for electing me recording secretary of Local No. 40. As I told them, I am willing to serve the labor movement in any capacity.

The trustees of our health and welfare plan have reported some new benefits for the members and their dependents. I won't go into detail here because you can get all the information at your local union office. I would like to say that some of the criticism directed toward our trustees is entirely unwarranted. Every labor trustee that I have known has been aware of his responsibilities to the plan and the membership; always working for you. I hope the resolution sent out by that misguided brother in Local 1178 ends up in file 13.

This brings up a problem we have regarding our paperhangers. Many of them hang by the roll, get paid in cash, and no pension, vacation or health and welfare benefits are contributed for them. Those paperhangers who work for one employer do not have this problem, but the ones who work for many shops have it rough. We don't have a pay scale based on the "roll" yet. Our members are bidding against each other for jobs on a "per roll" basis. This situation is unfair to the employer who pays the proper scale of wages and sickening to our paperhanger members who have to dogfight with their own brothers for jobs.

Let's not make the same mistake with these people that we almost did with our drywall members and treat them as though they shouldn't be in our unions. Remember, it takes more than housepainters to make up our brotherhood.

'Til next week then . . .

Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

The last August meeting was called to order by President Ruth Downs. As it was a social meet-

ing and there not being too much business on the agenda, they adjourned shortly so they could enjoy the delicious refreshments served by the committee. Due to vacations, attendance was poor. We hope more will attend our next meeting.

I regret very much to report the passing on of Brother Joe Eicher. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sister Cora at this time.

Sister Naomi Vercelli fell and hurt herself severely though as she says she was lucky she did not hit her head as she fell so hard.

Brother O. J. Wharry is still in the hospital, having had serious trouble with varicose veins. We hope he will soon be home again.

Sisters Lawrence, Vercelli and Lear motored over to visit with Sister Nellie Blanford after her return from the hospital and reported that she was not doing too well, but as she said, it just takes time.

Sister Evelyne Gerhold reported that Sister Rose Perata who is in the hospital for treatments on her spine, is doing nicely. She also reported that Sister Josephine Madson, who is also in the hospital for surgery, is coming along nicely.

Brother Elmer and Sister Myrtis Neyhouse topped off their vacation after their return from Hawaii with a trip to Tahoe, Reno and the Feather River and reported a wonderful vacation.

Sister Evelyne and Brother Roy Gerholdt spent two weeks touring the desert where they did nothing but rest and laze around taking life easy.

Sister Eve Hare's grandson, Gerry Mull, will be married next Saturday. Our best wishes to the young couple for a long and happy married life.

The Past Presidents had their usual pleasant get together with sister Evelyne G. as a very nice hostess who served delicious food which we all enjoyed. Next meeting off to San Francisco to Nell Blanford.

And, I want to report that my husband, Tom, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is obeying the doctor and is feeling better than he has for the past six months.

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Reno Local Joint Executive Board pickets Harrah's

The Reno Local Joint Executive Board of Bartenders Union, Local No. 86 and Culinary Workers Union No. 45 are serving notice to potential patrons of Harrah's Club in Reno that the gambling casino does not "deserve patronage at the present time."

Informational picket lines have been set up around the establishments of Harrah's Club for the purpose of handbiling the public on the issues involved in the current dispute.

The two unions point out that they represented the Bartenders and Culinary Workers at Harrah's Club for many years. This year, however, Harrah's Club broke away from the Reno Employers Council, which in the past represented the gambling casino for purposes of collective bargaining with the unions, and has refused to bargain, according to the labor organizations.

In the meantime, they point out that agreements have been reached with the Reno Employers Council, providing for wages and working conditions which Harrah's Club does not recognize.

Shortly before contract expiration, they point out, Harrah's Club unilaterally announced an increase in wages for certain classifications. In addition, the unions note, the casino called meetings of employees and, without union representatives present, polled them to determine their attitude toward unions.

The informational picket line being maintained before Harrah's Club was established in response to these practices. They are requesting the assistance of all union members and friends of labor in refusing to patronize Harrah's Club in Reno until the dispute is settled.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Building Trades: Hod Carriers, Plasterers strike in 2 counties

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progress as the East Bay Labor Journal went to press.

J. L. Childers, business representative for the Building Trades Council, aid the effect of the strike on building tradesmen was becoming greater as the strike progressed. But the strike had not thrown as many out of work as was feared at first, Childers said.

Many small jobs were going ahead as contractors mixed their own concrete, and one large and a number of small ready-mix firms remained in operation.

There was a meeting between Local 70 and concrete firms Monday, but settlement on the pattern reached in San Mateo and San Francisco counties last Saturday failed to follow.

Following is a summary of events at last week's Building Trades Council meeting not covered in the Sept. 8 issue:

PLASTERERS' CONVENTION

Jack Wood of Plasterers 112 reported on the recent international convention of his union in Toronto, Canada. Toronto was originally the "rattiest" town in Canada, but international unions in the building trades launched a drive and held a mass meeting attended by 20,000 in the local football stadium, Wood said.

As a result, Wood told BTC delegates, all crafts are organized and scales have risen from \$1 to \$1.50 an hour.

COLLIER TESTIMONIAL

A letter from Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, announced a testimonial dinner for State Sen. Randolph Collier of Yreka in Beverly Hills Oct. 11.

PENNEY STRIKE

A letter from Leona Graves, secretary-treasurer of Department Store Employees 1100, San Francisco, told of the refusal of J. C. Penney, Inc., to bargain in good faith with her union.

Penney's, according to the letter, has taken advantage of the

absence of a union contract to cut away union membership and undermine the union. An enclosed folder told the story of the union's strike at Penney's.

PHOTO STUDIOS

Acting Business Representative M. B. Dillashaw told BTC delegates a dispute with one photo studio being remodeled with non-union labor had been resolved in Hayward. A similar project there was being watched, Dillashaw said.

Food drivers reject offer, but strike 'not imminent'

Food drivers in Teamsters 70 have turned down an employer offer of a three year contract with pay raises totalling 18 cents an hour.

But Jack Sweeney, union secretary, said no strike is imminent.

Although the 240 drivers authorized a strike if necessary more than a month ago, the union will attempt further negotiations.

ASH SAYS HE ADMIRES AL LACOSTE'S COURAGE

Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council, said Monday night that COPE took no stand in next Tuesday's Emeryville recall election because neither side asked.

But Ash said he couldn't help admiring the courage of a man of Lacoste's age in standing up to those who were opposing him.

The Emeryville mayor, Ash added, became a Democrat after becoming fed up with the Republicans.

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Art Leischman, veteran official of Cooks 228, dies at Kaiser Hospital

Art Leischman, 79, a charter member and former president and business agent for Cooks 228, died at Kaiser Hospital last Saturday.

Leischman was president of Local 228 for three years and business agent for the following 14 years, retiring from this post two years ago. Since then, he had been an executive board member.

Leischman was a delegate to the CLC for 18 years.

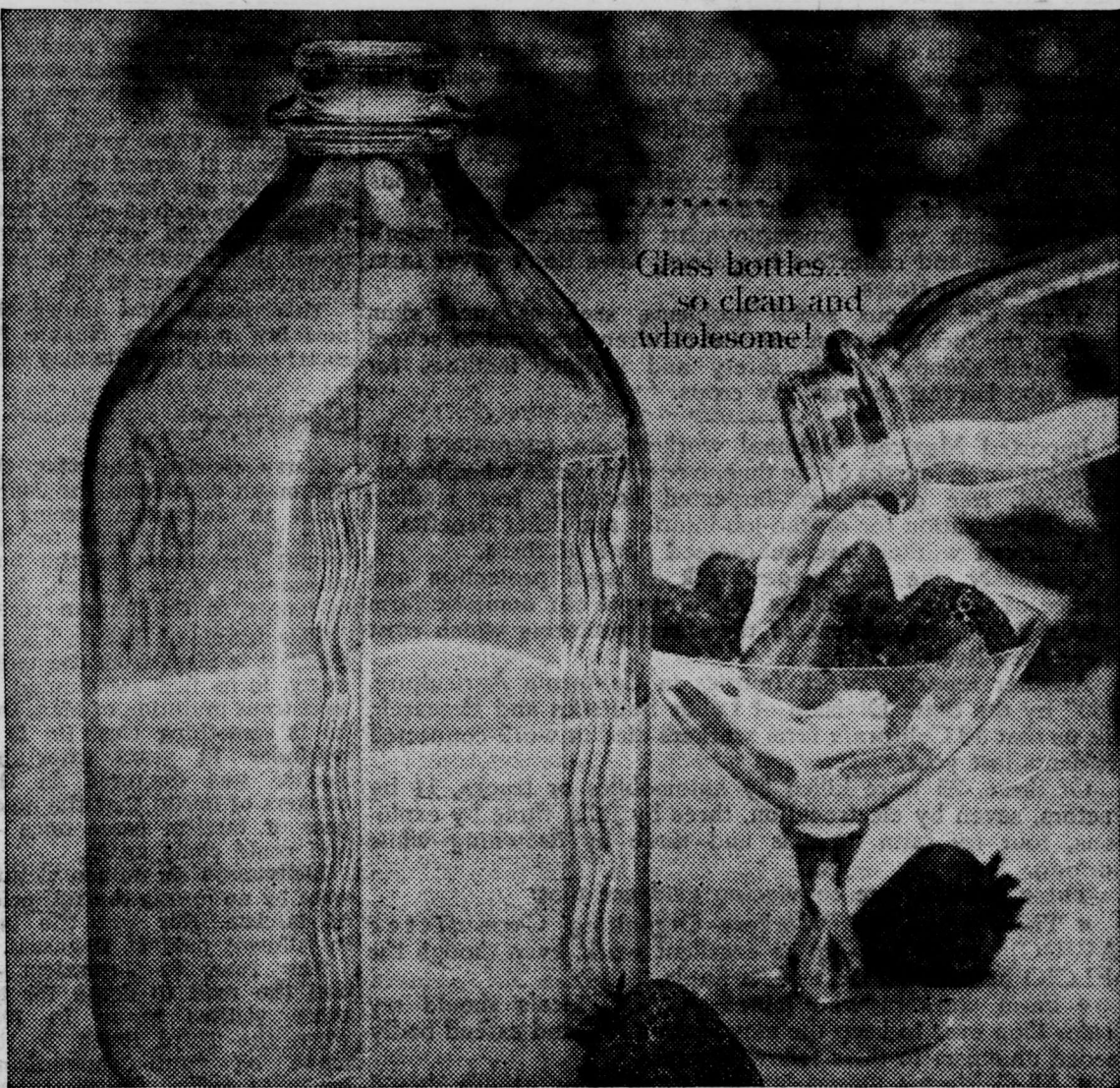
Tentative accord reached in rock and sand pact

Tentative agreement on a three-year agreement for 1,750 workers in the rock, sand and gravel producing industry in 40 Northern California counties was reached just before a deadline Monday night, according to Ed T. Merritt of Auto Mechanics 1546.

Merritt was secretary of a labor committee representing nine Machinists' locals, eight Teamster locals and Operating Engineers 3.

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Unpleasant facts of life about our farm workers

Why does the farm worker need a union?

Despite a twofold increase in agricultural productivity in the last 12 years, the average hourly earnings of the hired farm worker rose only 22 per cent in terms of purchasing power.

Farm workers remain the lowest paid of all major groups of workers.

According to "Hired Farm Workers in the United States," published by the U.S. Bureau of Employment Security in June, 1961, the average farm wage in the United States last year was 82 cents an hour.

In laundries, it was \$1.22; in apparel and related fields, \$1.56; in canning and preserving, \$1.81; in lumber and wood products, \$2.03, and in all manufacturing, \$2.29.

The lag of farm wages behind other groups is growing greater. Farm workers have not shared proportionately in the general increase in wage levels since World War II.

The 22 per cent increase in purchasing power of the average farm wage from 1947-49 to 1960 equalled an actual increase in dollars of 46 per cent.

In other words, the actual farm wage average went up 48 per cent in 12 years.

Contrast this with increases of 51 per cent in laundries, 68 per cent in retail trades, 72 per cent in manufacturing and 85 per cent in construction.

In addition, the Bureau of Employment Security study points out, migrant workers face economic problems unknown in most other lines of work:

- Long spells of involuntary idleness between jobs because of seasonal crops and weather conditions keep one out of 10 migrant workers jobless for half the year.
- Crew leaders sometimes exploit farm workers. Farm workers are dependent upon crew leaders for work.
- Child labor continues in the fields, even though it has been outlawed in industry for many decades.
- Minimum wage, unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and collective bargaining laws don't cover farm workers in most states.

There are serious social problems, such as rural slum housing, the fact that most migrant children drop out of school early, and skimpy health, safety and welfare facilities for those who harvest the nation's crops.

Imported Mexican National workers are guaranteed employment three-fourths of the time, free subsistence when under-employed, free government-inspected housing, free medical care, compensation for on-the-job injuries and other benefits.

American workers are guaranteed none of these.

Obviously, the low wages, lack of legal protection and absence of on-the-job benefits which plague our domestic farm laborers is the main cause of the social problems which exist where they live.

Another report, "Work Injuries in California Agriculture, 1960" by the State Division of Labor Statistics and Research, tells us that 80 California farm workers died in work-connected accidents last year.

Of these, 23 were killed by automobiles or trucks, 11 by tractors, seven by electrocution, three by falls, three by explosions, four by farm animals and three by drowning while working.

These statistics are convincing evidence that:

- The Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) should keep up its excellent work, even though the AFL-CIO has cut off most of its funds.
- Farm workers who joined AWOC locals should try harder than ever to keep the movement alive, and extend badly needed unionism to their fellow laborers.
- All California unions, unionists and union groups should do everything in their power — financial and otherwise — to continue the work of AWOC.

Needed law

Except for those who have lost their jobs because of it, automation is just a two-bit word for most unionists.

But two out of every 100 factory workers will lose their jobs because of automation in 1962, according to Sylvia Porter, noted financial columnist.

Whoever these workers are in California, they can be especially thankful to the Legislature and to Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown for a law, effective Sept. 15, which provides that displaced workers can receive unemployment benefits while retraining for another job.

The law is badly needed.

HOW FAMILY INCOME WAS SHARED, BEFORE TAXES, IN 1955, 1957 AND 1959

Families by Fifths	1955 (%)	1957 (%)	1959 (%)	Average Income Per Family in 1959*
Lowest	4.8	4.7	4.5	\$ 1,500
2nd	11.3	11.1	10.9	3,580
3rd	16.4	16.3	16.2	5,370
4th	22.3	22.4	22.7	7,500
Highest	45.2	45.5	45.7	15,110
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	\$ 6,610 Average
Top 5%	20.3	20.2	19.9	\$26,330

* Profits from capital gains are excluded.

HOW EARNINGS AFFECT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Everyone under age 72 who is receiving social security payments and who is still working may be affected by the change in the "Retirement Test."

This is the 5th of a series of articles by William B. Hayward, District Manager of the Oakland Social Security Office, written for the readers of the East Bay Labor Journal.

In my last article, I discussed social security for people receiving minimum payments. In this article I would like to discuss how "earnings" will affect your social security.

One recent change in the social security law, while minor, directly or indirectly affects everybody under 72 receiving old-age or survivors insurance benefits. This was a change in the so-called "retirement test."

Under the old law, a person could earn \$1,200 and receive all of his monthly social security benefits. \$1 in benefits was withheld, however, for each \$2 he earned from \$1,200 to \$1,500 and \$1 for each \$1 earned over \$1,500. Under the new law, only \$1 is withheld for each \$2 earned from \$1,200 to \$1,700 with an additional dollar withheld for each dollar earned over \$1,700.

This means that under the new law a person eligible for social security benefits may earn

up to \$1,700 and receive more in total earnings and benefits than under the old law. Of course, for each \$1 earned over \$1,700, \$1 is withheld in benefits.

An important part of this change, too, it that it applies to earnings for this year. People who are receiving benefits and earning \$1,500 or more may get more information about this by inquiring at the following locations:

If you live in Berkeley or Contra Costa County, there is an office at 1990 Addison Street in Berkeley, Phone—THornwall 1-5121. If you live in Oakland or any other part of Alameda County, go to 1509 Clay Street in Oakland or Phone TEmplebar 4-4121.

There is no change in the provision that, regardless of how much a beneficiary earns in a year, he will get a benefit check for any month in which he is over 72, or in which he neither earns more than \$100 in wages nor performs substantial services in self-employment.

In my next article, I will cover another change in the Social Security Law.

A.M.A. plan flops

Senator Pat McNamara (D-Mich.), chairman of the special Senate Committee on the Aging, reveals that the A.M.A.-supported medical plan for older people has flopped.

After the program had been in operation six months, the seven states which had "bought" the pauper's medical plan had only given assistance to 27,000 persons. Of these, 17,000 had already been receiving medical care under state programs.

In order to educate the public to the "socialistic" horrors involved in a medical care program for older people tied to Social Security, the A.M.A. has raised its dues from \$25 to \$45.—Anonymous.

Relative worth

Eastern newspapers recently reported the story of a man who rejected a \$40,000 a year job in private industry to accept a \$12,000 per year job teaching in a university.

The man, a creative physicist who has been credited with developing some of the greatest breakthroughs in the atomic field, chose teaching because it will give him time to experiment, and he finds it inspiring.

We have no argument with the learned physicist. He had a free choice. He made it for good and sufficient reason. It is his choice and he has the right to do whatever he desires.

However, it certainly doesn't seem right that a man who is worth \$40,000 to a commercial institution that will make a profit from his services is not worth at least that much to the nation for sharing his brilliance and passion on his knowledge to tomorrow's citizens. — Southern California Teamster.

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POLIO SHOT LAW— RIGHT TO PROTEST

Editor, Labor Journal:

Recently you published excerpts of a speech by Governor Brown extolling and praising university students for their protest movements as an important part of their development as free citizens. But it would seem that there is one area where one dare not be an unconformist.

The new law to force all school children to have polio shots is one more example of the violation of parental rights by the state. I cannot help but be concerned at the extreme lack of publicity the bill received before becoming a law. Certainly, the passage of a measure giving authorities power to ban students from classrooms for any reason is serious and important. Instead, the people are confronted with the law before most of them knew it was even under consideration.

Undoubtedly, the Legislature was given reams of statistics, but you know that such things can be the tools of the users to present any picture desired. As an example, Dr. Alvarez, the noted medical columnist, quoted the Surgeon General's office, giving the number of cases of paralytic polio reported last year and the number of those victims who had not had shots. Surprisingly enough, the latter number was only 55 per cent of the total cases. So some 45 per cent of the cases were people who had received shots, not exactly a good recommendation for the effectiveness of the vaccine. When I wrote this opinion to the doctor, naturally, I did not receive a reply, but he did not refute my judgment in a later column, either.

Then, in April, at a meeting of experimental biologists, a group from Michael Reese Institute in Chicago made a report giving their findings that the tremendous increase in heart attacks and hardening of the arteries in young people coincides exactly with the tremendous use of sulfa and antibiotics in the past 25 years. May one also add with the equally tremendous increase in the use of vaccines? If one grants that the theory behind the use of vaccines is valid, building body resistance to certain diseases by small doses of the disease, are there not limits to the small samples of diseases the human body can ward off without damage to the system? Safety has its long range aspects, too, which deserve equal consideration to the more immediate ones. Such safety factors may take a generation to determine, but that does not make them any less important. How do we know that the increasing multiplicity of vaccines now in use, not just once in a lifetime, but every couple years, will not be as damaging to human beings as a real attack of smallpox, polio, diphtheria, etc? So far as I know this question has not been answered, and until it is, the vaccine development should be approached with caution.

I will not dwell on the financial aspects of the issue, though I strongly suspect it is of considerable importance. The drug firms will profit, whether through people's taxes or increased doctor bills. In one more way, the state is taking over the rights of parents to decide the best for one's children. What will be next? Regardless of how one feels about the merits of polio shots, the fact still remains that in one more instance freedom of choice has been violated.

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